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Royal Arch Masons, No. 10, R. N. S.

I.

This Chapter shall be designated, and known by the title of "Prince of Wales" Chapter, No. 10, R. N. S.

II.

This Chapter shall hold its regular convocations on the second Wednesday in February, May, August, and November in each year. A Chapter of emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the High Priest by summons: the reason for calling it shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business than that specified shall be entered upon at that meeting.

III.

The officers of this Chapter shall consist of High Priest, King, Scribe, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, the Masters of the Vails, Treasurer, Secretary and Tyler.

IV.

At the regular convocation in May of each year the following officers shall be nominated and chosen by ballot, viz.; High Priest, King, Scribe, Secretary, and Treasurer. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the High Priest, after his installation. The installation of new officers shall take place at this meeting.

V.

Every member of this Chapter shall pay fifty cents quarterly to the funds of the Chapter. Any member who shall be twelve months in arrears, shall be specially summoned to pay the same; and if such summons shall

not be complied with, he may be suspended from the privileges of the Chapter until the arrears be paid; and no member who shall be six months in arrears shall be eligible for an office, or entitled to vote at the election of officers, or any business connected with the Chapter, except balloting for candidates.

VI.

A ballot shall determine every proposition for the admission of members or candidates. If one negative appears, the proposition shall be rejected. All other propositions, except the elections hereinbefore named shall be determined by a show of hands. In ballot for candidates every companion present must cast his vote.

VII.

Petitions of candidates for exaltation or affiliation shall be presented in open Chapter one meeting at least previous to the ballot being taken, of which ballot due notice has been given by summons. Candidates who have been elected, not presenting themselves for the degrees for six months, shall be again subject to the ballot on new petition as before.

VIII.

Every candidate for exaltation in this Chapter shall deposit with the Secretary, previous to taking the Mark degree, a fee of Twenty-two dollars and fifty cents, ($22.50), this sum to include registration and diploma from the Grand Chapter.

IX.

Any companion desirous of becoming affiliated in this Chapter, must produce a certificate of good standing from his former Chapter. He must apply by petition, be recommended by two members of this Chapter, and be proposed as in the case of a candidate. The petition shall be accompanied with two dollars, if the applicant has been registered in this jurisdiction, and with four dollars and fifty cents if he has not been so registered. If the applicant be not received, this fee to be immediately returned.

X.

The funds, furniture and jewels of this Chapter shall be vested in the High Priest, King and Scribe, for the time being; but the funds shall be at the disposal of a majority of the members present at a regular meeting. If, however, the amount to be voted exceed forty dollars, the decision thereon, at the request of any two members, shall be postponed until another meeting of the Chapter, specially notified of said proposal, which meeting may be either regular or special.

XI.

At the regular Convocation in May of each year, a Committee of Audit and Finance, consisting of three members, shall be appointed by the Chapter:—It will be the duty of this Committee to inspect and audit at least annually, and whenever directed, the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer, and report thereon in writing at the regular meeting in May of each year; also to see that all books, papers, funds, and other property in the hands of the retiring Secretary and Treasurer, are handed over to their successors.

XII.

The duties of the Secretary shall be to issue summonses to all the Companions for regular and emergent meetings of the Chapter, keep the minutes of its proceedings, collect and keep record of all dues, keep an account of all monies received and paid by him to the Treasurer, keep a register of all the members of the Chapter, transmit to the Grand Secretary the names of elected officers, and obtain the registration of and certificates from the Grand Chapter, for companions, upon their exaltation, or joining, for which duties he shall receive twenty dollars annually from this Chapter.

XIII.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive all the monies of the Chapter from the hands of the Secretary, and to discharge all debts and demands against the Chapter which have been passed, and are so certified by

the High Priest and Secretary; to keep a regular account of all receipts and disbursements which shall be produced and ready for inspection by the Audit, or other Special Committee, at all reasonable and necessary times, or when ordered at any regular Convocation.

XIV.

No unaffiliated companion shall be entitled to visit this Chapter more than twice in each year.

XV.

In speaking to any question before the Chapter, every companion shall respectfully address the chair, confining his remarks to the question, and avoiding personalities, and no companion shall be allowed to speak more than once upon a subject, unless by permission of the officer presiding, or in cases where explanation is necessary.

XVI.

No By-law shall be suspended, amended, or repealed nor shall any new By-law be enacted without the consent of two-thirds of the companions present at a meeting specially called for that purpose; in which case nine members to form a quorum.

XVII.

These By-laws shall be signed by all the members of this Chapter and all matters not particularly provided for therein, shall be regulated by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, and the general regulations and ancient usages of the Order.

Approved August 9th, 1877.

(Signed.) BENJAMIN CURREN,
Grand High Priest.

Attest,
(Signed) JAMES GOSSIP,
Grand Secretary.